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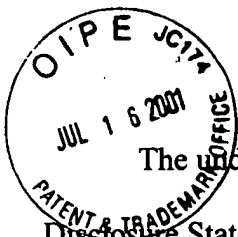
Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references which were found during the prosecution of a co-pending Japanese patent application:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application
No. 6-265554 (with English abstract)

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